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TRAINS CRASH NEAR SPOKANE

Five Are Killed and Seven Injured in Rear-end Collision Early This Morning.

WALLA WALLA SLEEPER MADE INTO KINDLING

Crack North Coast Limited of Northern Pacific Crashed Into Rear of Burlington at Cheney Siding—Nurses and Physicians Rushed From Spokane by Special Train—Thick Fog Responsible for Big Disaster.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 4.—At 10 o'clock the bodies of four dead passengers had been taken from the wreckage of train No. 42, the Burlington, while the body of Express Messenger Starr had been taken from the wrecked mail car on train No. 2, the North Coast limited.

Two of the identified victims are O. E. Brown of Baker, Oregon, and C. L. Marren of Davenport, Washington.

Seven porters were also killed, most of them being passengers in the rear coach of No. 42, which was the one run into. They were brought to hospitals in this city for treatment.

A thick fog which hid the trains was responsible for the accident. The Burlington had been ordered to take the siding but did not clear fast enough and the trains collided at a high rate of speed. The uninjured crawled from beneath the wreckage. The wrecked coach was the Walla Walla sleeper which left that city last evening.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 4.—The North Coast limited on the Northern Pacific dashed into the rear-end of the Burlington express this morning, killing a number of people. Four of the dead are already recovered.

The accident occurred at Cheney siding, 18 miles southwest of this city. A special train bearing twenty-five doctors and nurses left at 8:30 and a second train at 10. A number of the dead are unknown. The rescue work is progressing rapidly.

Railroad officials here refuse to divulge the real facts. The North Coast is the crack transcontinental train of the Northern Pacific and has right of way over everything.

NEW YORK'S JAILS CROWDED TO OVERFLOWING

New York, Jan. 4.—This state should prove a haven of delight for the hobo and all members of the society for the prevention of work. Today the fact was disclosed, through a committee to ask the legislature for increased prison facilities, that the penal institutions not only of the state, but of the city, are more crowded than ever before in their history. The committee is composed of representatives of various organizations whose aim is to restrict the tramp and the aggressor against law generally.

And what is most interesting this committee states that the crowded conditions of the prisons is not due so much to the rapid growth of the large cities of the state as to their laws and methods of treating criminals. The legislature will be asked to frame new laws or to amend existing ones that can be so executed as to punish crime in accordance with the conditions and motives of criminal acts. The representatives of the various organizations declare that if the criminal himself were instructed and educated, so as to effect available reform in his purposes there would be larger results for good, without too great changes in government.

CONNECTICUT HAVING LEGISLATIVE FIGHT

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 4.—According to the leading representatives here today of the legislative session just beginning, Connecticut is to have one of the most important sessions in its history and the eyes of the country will be directed toward this state toward which such little attention has been paid by national politicians in recent years. Governor Baldwin's record and his politics are among the important reasons for Connecticut's being in the limelight.

These are some of the questions which will come before the legislature and whose making into law will also make history for the state. The employer's liability, a new public utilities commission with larger powers, erected on a firmer base of law, restricting the state for congress, the election of a United States senator. The senatorial fight has been the subject of much canvassing already and made more famous by certain leading republicans asking Colonel Roosevelt to keep hands off in the matter.

The first meeting of the new county court was held today and the new judge, J. W. Maloney and the new commissioner, H. W. Cockburn, began their duties in helping in the auditing of the bills of the county.

OPEN POSTAL BANKS TODAY

Each State and Territory to Have One—Klamath Falls Named in Oregon.

SYSTEM WILL BE ENLARGED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE

Deposits Will Not Be Allowed to Go Over \$500 for Present—No Pass Books Given—Depositors Will Be Given Engraved Certificates—Small Deposits Will Be Accepted—Savings Can Be Exchanged for Bonds.

Postal savings banks were instituted in every state and territory in the union this morning. For the present there will only be one in each state, but if the system proves successful it is planned to extend the system as rapidly as possible.

Klamath Falls is the Oregon post-office designated as the postal savings depository. Among the others are time following, all of the offices being of the second class: Globe, Ariz.; Oroville, Cal.; Leadville, Colo.; Couer d'Alene, Idaho; Anaconda, Mont.; Carson City, Nev.; Klamath Falls, Or.; Provo, Utah; Olympia, Wash.; Laramie, Wyo.

No pass books will be furnished depositors, but all deposits will be evidenced by engraved postal savings certificates, issued in fixed denominations of \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20 and \$50, each bearing the name of the depositor and the date on which interests begin to accrue. The certificates are non-transferable and non-negotiable. Interest will be payable annually at the rate of 2 per cent per annum.

\$500 Is Limit.
By the terms of the law no account for less than \$1 may be opened and no person may deposit more than \$100 in any calendar month, or have to his credit at any one time more than \$500 exclusive of accumulated interest. Accounts may be opened by any person over ten years in his or her own name and by married women in their own names. The accounts of wives cannot be interfered with or controlled by the husbands.

For the present, deposits will be limited to patrons of the postoffices at which the system is established. The service is entirely free, no fee being required in connection with the opening of an account or the withdrawal of money deposited.

Rules Laid Down.

No person connected with the post-office department will be permitted to disclose either the name of a depositor, or the amount of his deposit, unless directed to do so by the postmaster-general. Deposits may be withdrawn at any time with accrued interest or the interest alone may be withdrawn.

While deposits of less than \$1 will not be received, small amounts may be saved for deposit by the purchase of postal savings cards at 10 cents each and of 10-cent postal savings stamps, which have been specially prepared for the purpose and will be on sale at all depository offices. Each postal savings card contains blank spaces to which 10-cent savings stamps may be affixed as purchased.

The postmaster will accept a postal savings card with nine 10-cent savings stamps affixed as a deposit of \$1 either in opening an account or in adding to an existing account. This feature is expected to appeal particularly to children and to encourage in them habits of thrift.

An interesting feature of the system is the privilege accorded a depositor of converting his savings into United States bonds, to be issued in denominations of \$20, \$40, \$60, \$80 and \$100, and multiples of \$100 up to \$500.

The bonds will be issued in both registered and coupon form and will bear interest at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent, payable semi-annually. The bonds are redeemable at the pleasure of the United States one year from the date of issue in gold coin. No limit is placed on the amount of these bonds a depositor may acquire, as the bonds are not counted as a part of the maximum of \$500 allowed one depositor.

Most of the funds received from depositors will be placed in local banks throughout the country so that the money may be available for current commercial needs. These deposits will be secured by bonds deposited by the banks with the treasurer of the United States as a reserve and the board of trustees is authorized to invest 30 per cent in United States bonds.

The faith of the United States is pledged to the payment of all deposits with accrued interest.

The savings certificate plan of indicating deposits was adopted upon the recommendation of the committee of experts appointed last June by Postmaster-General Hitchcock. It was found that the expense of operating the passbook system in foreign countries was very great, the central office in England requiring the services of several thousand bookkeepers to transact the postal savings business.

BANDITS ROB AND MURDER

Two Desertrades Hold Up Train and Wake Passengers at Revolver Point.

ESCAPE AFTER KILLING PORTER AND WOUNDING ONE

Money and Valuables to Amount of \$2500 Secured—Sheriff and Picked Posse Closing in on Robbers Who Are Making Desperate Effort to Gain Mountains—All Are Heavily Armed and Bloody Battle Is Expected.

Ogden, Utah, Jan. 2.—Following a clear trail along the shores of Salt Lake, leading northward from the Southern Pacific, Sheriff Wilson and a picked posse is closing in on three bandits who held up the westbound overland limited at Reese and robbed the passengers of \$2500. It is believed a battle is expected, as the robbers are heavily armed. Just before the sheriff left this morning news was received of an encounter of the highwaymen with two daughters of James Waymont on the old north road.

The passengers in the Pullman cars who were robbed gave a good description of the desperadoes. They stopped the train by use of a fusse and drove the engineer and firemen from the cab. While attempting to enter a Pullman, William Davis, a negro porter, was shot and killed when he ordered them away. A. W. Taylor, another porter, was wounded.

The sheriff's posse is mounted and a relay of horses will await them along the route. The bandits are taking to the hills. It is believed they will not attempt to hide their tracks until they reach the road's end.

After firing a number of shots the bandits entered one of the Pullmans. One of them stood guard while the other rifled the passengers. Many of them were sleeping but were awakened at revolver point and were compelled to hand over their valuables.

LONDON ANARCHISTS FIGHT TO DEATH

London, Jan. 3.—Barricaded in a house in the heart of the slums, seven anarchists defied the police and fire departments and three companies of the guards, all headed by Home Secretary Churchill today, until the house was set afire by shots from machine guns and the defendants burned to death. The fight began when the police in seeking two members of the notorious "Houndsditch" gang, discovered two of them in the house.

Over 1000 citizens assisted the police and fought until the defenders were driven to the roof by the flames and then fell into the fire. The battle raged for five hours and several times the house was rushed but with unerring rifle fire, the anarchists made the attackers retire. During one of these Sergeants Leeson, Chessam and Chick, Policemen Dyer and John Gideon and an unidentified man, were shot and are now dying.

It is believed the robber anarchists were the same who it is reported plotted to assassinate the king next June.

After the machine guns started the fire the robbers gasping through smoke, kept up the fire on the police. Finally they were driven to the roof by the heat. There they fought until with a crash the roof fell inward and they disappeared.

The police had been searching for two of the men in connection with a robbery last week. They came upon them in Sydney street. In a moment the thieves fired upon the police, who, unarmed, retreated and called for aid.

The fire department and the Scot guards were called also. The men seemingly had an inexhaustible supply of ammunition. It is estimated they alone fired 1000 shots.

WOULD MAKE IDAHO UNPOPULAR FOR SOME

Boise, Ida., Jan. 3.—Idaho won't longer be a divorce mecca if the suggestions in Governor Hawley's message to the legislature, delivered today is followed. He recommends a law requiring a legal residence of one year in the state before a divorce can be granted.

He also recommends the repeal of the Sunday rest law, and an enactment providing for the initiative and referendum, the income tax, and the construction of dams in the Clearwater river for the purpose of creating reservoirs in which to save the burned over timber in the forest fire territory. He also recommends an appropriation of \$400,000 to complete the main section of the capitol building.

SPOKANE WOMEN WOULD BE JURORS

URGE GOVERNOR TO DENY EXCUSE PETITION

Prominent Workers in Suffrage Movement Active Against Move of Sister Voters—Many State Their Opinions.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 4.—Prominent workers in the suffrage movement, members of exclusive clubs and scores of working women in Spokane are writing letters to Governor Marion E. Hay, urging him to deny the petitions of women electors requesting to be relieved from jury duty if called upon for service.

"When I asked for the privilege of citizenship," said Mrs. May Arkwright Hutton, president of the Washington Equal Suffrage League, "I was ready and willing to accept all the requirements. I am willing to serve on a jury and will do so without protest, in called to that or any other duty required by the state."

Mrs. Hutton is the wife of Levi W. Hutton, a millionaire mining operator, and has extensive interests in Spokane and the Coeur d'Alene mining district in northern Idaho. She financed a state-wide campaign for equal rights in 1910 and was a factor in securing the ballot for women at the last state election.

Mrs. A. P. Fassett, who has been identified with the suffrage and other women's movements in Spokane for years, said:

"I have written to Governor Hay, asking him to refuse to take any action on the petitions of women voters requesting to be released from jury duty. I have also interested a large number of club women to write similar letters."

"When I worked for equal suffrage I fully understood all the duties that would devolve upon the women as voters. I am afraid now that if the women start to balk at sitting on a jury they will lose their right of franchise."

WOULD REGULATE THE FLIGHT OF AIR MACHINES

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 4.—The regulation of aerial traffic is regarded as a matter of such importance by Governor Simon Baldwin that he has incorporated recommendations concerning it in his annual message to the legislature which was delivered today. Woman suffrage in a modified form, direct election of senators and the income tax are also recommended.

He said rapid balloons will soon be so common as to endanger property over which they fly and the regulation of them should be considered.

UNION SYMPATHIZERS CHARGED WITH OFFENSES

Everett, Jan. 4.—Union sympathizers, not union men, who had not recovered from New Year's were charged yesterday with Monday's street car rioting, during which the cars were stopped, the tracks soaped and Superintendent Newell stoned. This morning the Stoner-Webster traction interests declared the strikers would not be granted higher wages, nor would there be any further negotiations. It is rumored strikebreakers are being imported from Seattle.

FIRE DESTROYS FRISCO ROOMING HOUSE TODAY

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 4.—One woman was probably fatally injured, one fireman was knocked down by a sheet of flame and thirty lodgers narrowly escaped death in a fire early today which destroyed the Commercial rooming house on Stark street near Van Ness avenue. Mrs. A. Schwartz, aged 60, was rescued, almost suffocated, from her room on the third floor. She was taken to a hospital.

DIRECT ELECTION OF SENATORS RECOMMENDED

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Advocating the abolition of useless state commissions, the message of Governor Dix was read before the legislature today. In line with his campaign for economy, the message also touched on conservation, direct primaries and recommended a federal parcels post and the popular election of United States senators.

FEDERAL AGENTS GO AFTER LOTTERY GAMES

Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 4.—Federal agents here, it was learned yesterday are bent on a war against all lotteries, pursuant to instructions to expurgate the entire country of gambling institutions. The individual states have successfully combatted the lotteries and now the government is going to finish the job.

During last year the value of herring shipped from Nova Scotia to European ports aggregated \$625,367.

TURN TIDE OF IMMIGRATION

Western States Start Move to Divert Settlers From Canada to West.

BIG MEETING TO BE HELD IN OMAHA SOON

Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, Montana, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, California and South Dakota All Join in Movement—Western Development Association To Be Formed—Many Approve Plan.

Omaha, Jan. 3.—In response to a demand from western governors, immigration officials and commercial associations for an association which shall devote its energies to turning the tide of immigration into the west, a call is being sent out from Omaha this week for a meeting to be held in that city between January 18 and 28 for the purpose of organizing the Western Development association. As the meeting is called on the advice of some powerful state and private interests, the organization promises to become potential in stopping the tide of people going from the Mississippi valleys into Canada.

Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, Montana, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, California and South Dakota are the states taking the lead in attempting to see that the new pioneers are turned from the south and from the Canadian northwest into the most fertile and promising part of the United States.

The organization of such an association for the purpose of devoting the next few years to the gigantic task of turning the tread of men and women toward the distinctively western states was proposed by the publishers of the Omaha Daily Bee and the 20th Century Farmer, which papers organized the western land products exhibit with such an end in view. The publishers consulted western governors, heads of commercial organizations, and railroad men. That their idea is popular and will result in a more or less permanent association is shown by the following replies received to the inquiry as to whether there was a demand for such an organization:

James J. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern railway: "Such an association could do a great deal of good if the work could be intelligently handled."

J. H. Hall, commissioner of agriculture of Montana: "The move is one in the right direction and an organization ought to be formed for that purpose."

James P. Fallon, commissioner of immigration of Idaho: "I believe such an association would do a great deal of good for the western states and I will lend any aid in my power."

Governor J. H. Brady of Idaho: "We are interested in the movement you suggest so do not hesitate to call on me for anything I can do."

Col. W. E. Skinner, president of Denver & Laramie R. R.: "The formation of an association looking directly to western development would be highly advantageous. We feel very grateful to you for the suggestion, and know everyone will."

E. L. Lomax, passenger traffic manager Western Pacific R. R.: "We realize the practical results that can be accomplished by the proposed organization and we think we can assure you of a hearty welcome from the states of Nevada, Utah and California, and particularly from the Western Pacific R. R., which traverses these states."

F. E. Fisher, general passenger agent, Colorado & Southern R. R.: "It would be a good plan to call such a meeting, and I believe something really beneficial might result from the formation of such an association."

Geo. L. McDonald, colonization agent U. P. Ry.: "The suggestion is a good one, as it will enlist and secure the co-operation in each and every one of the states mentioned."

F. A. Nash, general western agent C. M. & St. Paul Railway: "I should say without hesitation that a great deal of good can be accomplished by just such an organization as you suggest."

OREGON PLAN FINDS ARDENT SUPPORTERS

Helena, Mont., Jan. 3.—Urging the adoption of direct primaries, and the election of senators by direct vote, under the Oregon plan, Governor Norris' message was read in the legislature today.

The document served notice that a special message would be sent in soon which would deal with conservation, forest fires, income tax and employer's liability. The message today urged the passage of a public service commission law empowering cities to adopt the commission form of government. Norris is rumored as a dark horse in the senatorial scrap.

The public at large quickly recognizes truth at first glance.

OHIO BALLOT BOX DISGRACE

Judge Blair Tells of Conditions Unparalleled in Any Other State.

REGISTERS A VOW TO STOP VOTE BUYING

Unique Situation Described by Jurist Who Has Disfranchised More Than Thousand Voters in Adams County—Thinks Lesson Will Be of Value to Entire State and Nation—Would Purify the Ballot Everywhere.

West Union, O., Jan. 3.—The probe by Judge A. Z. Blair of Adams county, O., into the wholesale corruption of the ballot box there, has revealed a condition without parallel in the United States. The situation is so unique that the United Press has secured from Judge Blair the following specially written statement on conditions in Adams county.

Statement by Judge Blair.
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It has been stated that I have had personal knowledge for many years of the traffic in votes that has prevailed in Adams and other counties in my judicial district, and this is quite true. I have had both the personal knowledge and the positive proof of this practice in my district for a long time.

In the fall of 1906, I registered a vow that I would put an end to vote buying in Adams county the very first opportunity, and this is the first opportunity I have had to carry out my resolve.

The barter in votes has, I believe, prevailed to a considerable extent in about eight other southern Ohio counties for the past 30 years. Two years ago, during the local option campaign, I learned of money being used in Scioto county by the "wets" and I promptly called a special grand jury and had indictments returned that stopped the vote buying in that campaign and I believe prevented the use of money to any great extent in elections following in that county.

In the present investigation, I will say that the people of Adams county, including the politicians of both parties; have importuned both Judge Edwin Corn of the common pleas court and myself to break up the practice of having to raise big corruption funds every year.

Judge Corn was not acquainted with the inside workings of the game as played in Adams and I was. For that reason, I, instead of Judge Corn, came here to begin the investigation.

From results already obtained, there can be no more vote selling in old Adams. The good influence of this probe will permeate the body politic of the entire state. I believe that this strong wave of protest against the practice of corrupting elections will swell to such proportions that it will overflow the boundaries of the state and affect every state in the union. We have made the start at the root of the evil.

We hear of city councils selling out franchises, and state legislatures give the United States senatorship to the highest bidder, and men have been sent to the penitentiary for deeds of this kind, but the foundation of the whole trouble has been that the proper safeguards have not been thrown around the ballot box.

Purify the ballot and we will have better officials—public servants who will hold sacred their oath of office.

MINER DISCOVERS RICH QUARTZ AND GOES INSANE

San Bernardino, Cal., Jan. 3.—Prospectors today are preparing to make an attempt to find an unknown ledge of rich quartz, presumably discovered by Mojave Bill, a negro, whose real name is Joseph Smith, who was brought in from the desert last night, raving mad, his pockets stuffed with rich quartz. He left here two months ago on a prospecting trip. He was found half dead yesterday and brought in by miners.

JOHNSON WILL BE INAUGURATED TONIGHT

Sacramento, Calif., Jan. 3.—A desire to prevent a wholesale raid on the administrative appropriations of Governor-elect Johnson, by Governor Gillett, is said to have caused the progressive leaders to change their plans for the inauguration. Instead of Wednesday night they will inaugurate him tonight. Albert Wallace will be sworn in as Lieutenant governor.

HOKSEY'S BODY WILL BE PRIVATELY CREMATED

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 3.—Hoksey will be buried this afternoon at 2:30 at a local undertaking parlor. The body will be privately cremated.

A telegraph line is soon to be built in the rapidly developing Valdes Peninsula, in Chubut territory. The industry there is growing fast.